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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 2, 2009, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested. If any fee required to consider this response is missing or deficient, Applicants authorize the fee (or any deficiency therein) to be charged to Deposit Account 14-1140 under Order No. 4504-4.

The **claims** are presented on pages 2-7.

Claims 4, 14 and 21-22 are amended.

Remarks begin on page 8.